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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit forms PTO-1449 (7 pages), which list references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated June 16, 2006 and of which Applicants are aware for the present application. A copy of the ISR is enclosed herewith. It is noted that Applicants have not enclosed copies of the U.S. patents cited on form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed with the application before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b). It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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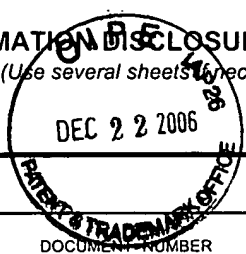
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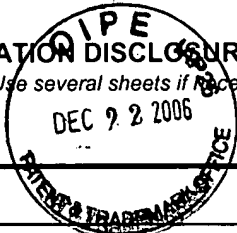
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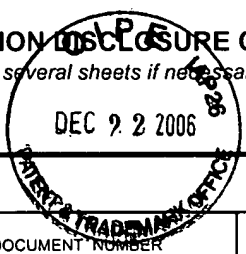
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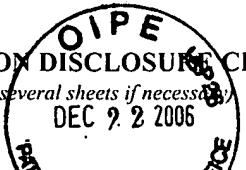
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